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PROGRAM AMENDMENTS
STIP Amendment 02S-025
Notice Item
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Original Signed By

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STIP AMENDMENT 02S-025 NOTICE

SUMMARY

This amendment programs \$3,800,000 in FY 2002-03 for Advance Project Development Element (APDE) as an advance from Santa Cruz County Share towards a \$300,000,000 Route 1 Widening and Operational Improvements project in Santa Cruz County.

RECOMMENDATION

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) is requesting this amendment. The Department of Transportation (Department) has reviewed the amendment and found it to be consistent with the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) guidelines.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) revise the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as follows:

Adds:

Project Information								
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
Santa Cruz	05	0073	0C7300	LA	2009-10	10.5	15.9	1
Project Title:	Route 1 Widening for HOV Lanes and Operational Improvements							
Sponsor:	Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC)							
Implementing Agency:	SCCRTC							
RTPA/CTC:	SCCRTC							
Location:	Route 1 between Morrissey Blvd. and State Park Drive							
Description:	Construct a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in both the northbound and southbound directions. Project includes retaining walls, soundwalls, a collector-distributor system for access to Bay/Porter Avenue and 41st Avenue, widen and meter all on-ramps, add auxiliary lanes, and install intelligent transportation systems (ITS).							

STIP Programming - RIP (Dollars in Thousands)								
Component	PRIOR	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007		Total
PA&ED		\$3,800						\$3,800
PS&E								
R/W SUP								
CON SUP								
R/W								
CON								
TOTAL		\$3,800						\$3,800

Future Needs (not yet committed) (Dollars in Thousands)								
Component	PRIOR	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008 and Beyond	Total
PA&ED					\$11,941			\$11,941
PS&E						\$1,585		\$1,585
R/W SUP							\$19,201	\$19,201
CON SUP							\$27,033	\$27,033
R/W							\$236,507	\$236,507
CON								
TOTAL					\$11,941	\$1,585	\$282,741	\$296,267

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TOTAL		\$3,800			\$11,941	\$1,585	\$282,741	\$300,067

BACKGROUND

This amendment programs \$3,800,000 in FY 2002-03 for Advance Project Development Element (APDE) as an advance from Santa Cruz County Share towards a \$300,000,000 Route 1 Widening and Operational Improvements project in Santa Cruz County.

The existing Route 1 facility within the project limits is congested for several hours each day in both northbound and southbound directions. The current conditions also result in “spill-over” impacts to local city and county roadways and result in delays for local transit and express bus operations as well as emergency vehicles.

The proposed project will widen Route 1 and construct an HOV lane in both directions. This project will improve traffic operations on Route 1 by relieving traffic congestion and reducing travel time, delays, and accidents.

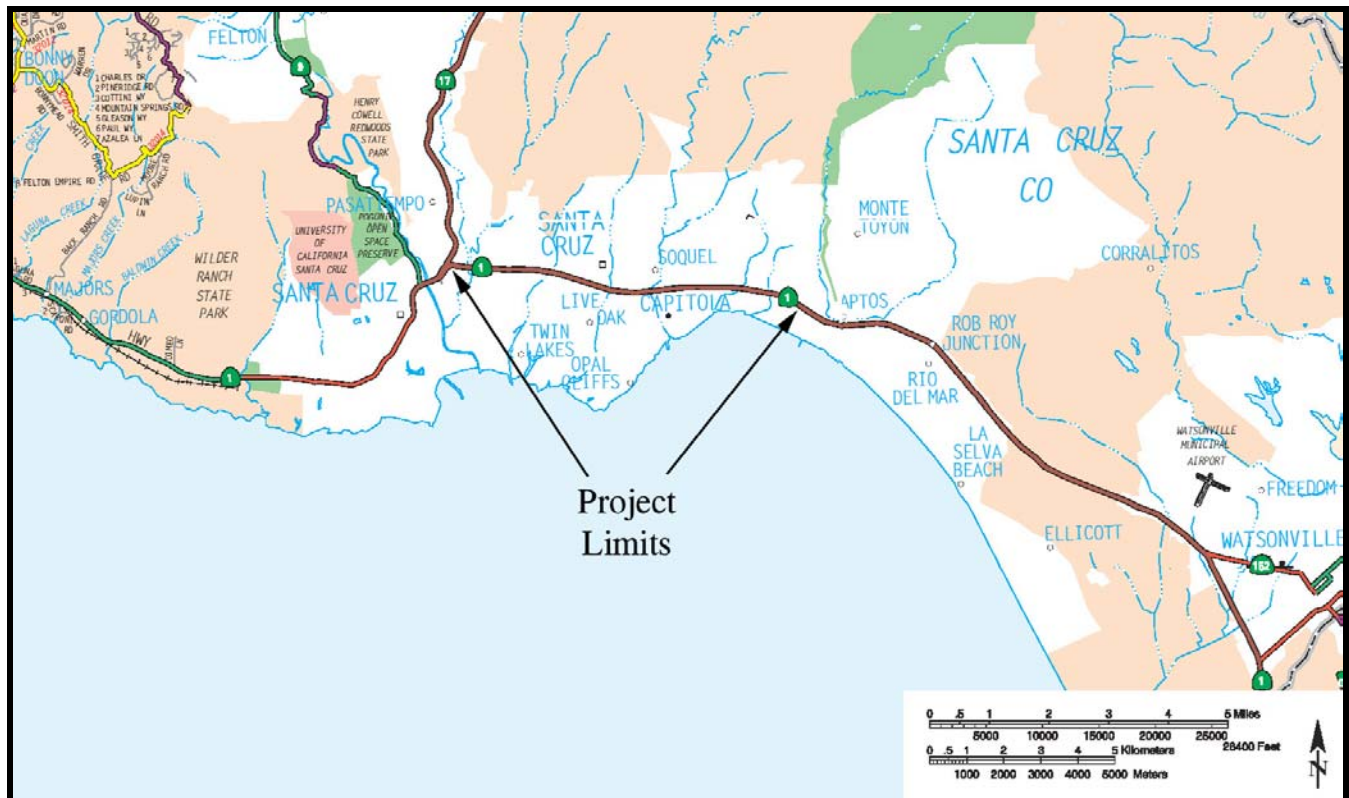
The SCCRTC has identified this project as its highest priority project in Santa Cruz County. The SCCRTC proposes to program the project with Santa Cruz County’s APDE share in order to begin the environmental studies for the project in FY 2002-03.

The SCCRTC is currently working with local business community to address future project funding need via a local sales tax measure. Since December 2001, the SCCRTC has been studying its local tax options to fund future phases of the Highway 1 Widening/HOV Lanes project. With the assistance of two consultants, the SCCRTC is currently planning on putting a self-help measure on the ballot, possibly in the March or November 2004 election. A recent poll conducted by a consultant for SCCRTC found that 79% of likely voters believe that the Highway widening with carpool lanes is needed and 71% indicated they would definitely (48%) or probably (23%) vote for a half cent sales tax measure to fund the Highway widening project and other transportation improvements. This is consistent with previous polls conducted by the SCCRTC and the local Business Council on the project. Given this high level of broad community support for the project, plus the enthusiastic support that the project has received from the business community (the most likely financial backer of the sales tax measure), the SCCRTC believes that future phases of this project can be funded, at least in part, with local measure funds.

ATTACHMENT

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Location Map



05-Santa Cruz
PPNO 0073

Location: Route 1 between Morrissey Blvd. and
State Park Drive

Description: Construct High Occupancy Vehicle
lanes

